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**MAIN EXAMINATION**

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**AUGUST – DECEMBER 2018 TRIMESTER**

**FACULTY OF SCIENCE**

**DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE**

**REGULAR PROGRAMME**

**GS 108 / GSL 103: INTRODUCTION TO INFORMATION LITERACY**

**Date: DECEMBER 2018**

**Duration: 2 Hours**

**INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and ANY OTHER TWO Questions**

- Q1. a) What is plagiarism? Briefly discuss how one can avoid plagiarism in academic writing **(8 marks)**
- b) Access to electronic resources is considered vital in university studies. What do you consider to be the arguments for and risks in the use of electronic resources by university students **(8 marks)**
- c) Identify four (4) e-databases that you would refer to in retrieval of information in your area of study **(4marks)**
- d) In the process of searching for literature for an academic writing assignment you retrieved several resources (reports, books, journal articles, journal articles. Briefly discuss five (5) issues you would consider in selecting the most appropriate ones for use for your paper **(10 marks)**
- Q2. a) “Access to information among the citizens is critical to the achievement of sustainable development”. In view of this, discuss why it is particularly important for young people to be provided with information literacy skills **(10 marks)**
- b) Outline the process you would use to accomplish a term paper assignment **(4 marks)**

- c) Reference books have also been referred to as “background books”. Discuss. **(6 marks)**
- Q3. a) The library catalog might be compared to the index for a book. Evaluate. **(4 Marks)**
- b) Briefly explain how the following techniques may assist in retrieval of precise literature from a library system
- i) Boolean techniques **(2 marks)**
  - ii) Fields **(2 marks)**
  - iii) Key words **(2 marks)**
  - iv) Phrases **(2 marks)**
- c) Define the concept of information literacy in your own words. Justify the assertion that you are an information literate person **(8 marks)**
- Q4. a) To qualify as good research, your term paper must have certain characteristics and properties. Discuss. **(5 marks)**
- b) In any exercise that involves reading it is important to make notes that are meaningful. Why would agree with this statement? Briefly discuss strategies you would use in taking notes from a scholarly source **(6 marks)**
- c) An academic writing exercise has been described as a reading thinking and writing processes that revolves around analysis, evaluation and synthesis of ideas. Discuss **(3 marks)**
- d) Justify the use of financial resources to acquire scholarly (academic) journals to facilitate research in your organization **(6 marks)**
- Q5. a) What is an information search strategy? Justify the case for a well-planned search strategy in the retrieval of information **(5 marks)**
- b) A university library exists to assist students, faculty members and researchers carry out their academic work effectively. Justify this opinion with reference to (5) library services you would consider to use in your academic endeavour. **(5 marks)**
- c) Briefly explain five (5) issues you would evaluate in writing a journal article review **(10 marks)**

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